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Property-tax hike coming for nearly half

REAL ESTATE

City's market lost $6 billion in the last year

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Despite lower property values, many Calgary home and business owners will face higher taxes this year.

According to the city's latest property assessment, Calgary homes have lost about four per cent of their value since 2016, while non-residential properties decreased about six per cent.

Harvey Fairfield, acting director of city assessment, said the city will still need to collect "the budget required through municipal taxes," in the face of an overall decline.

"The tax revenues will increase," he continued. "And that is, really simply, the revenue-neutral tax system."

This means if your home's value decreased by less than four per cent, you'll be paying more in taxes. If it dropped by more than that, you'll be paying less.

In non-residential properties, the system is the same, but the switch happens at six per cent to reflect the market drop for each.

The city estimates 44 per cent of homeowners and 73 per cent of non-residential owners will see a tax increase.

Overall, the city saw a $6-billion decline from 2016, which Fairfield said is largely due to the downtown office vacancy rate.

More than half a million property assessments were mailed out on Thursday, giving property owners who disagree with their assessments a two-month window to appeal.

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The United States' Luke Kunin celebrates his team's second goal on Canada's Carter Hart in the second period in Montreal Thursday.
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Alberta Education reaches deal with Trinity Christian

Controversial home-school society out of the picture

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Trinity Christian School Association is back in business — but this time without the controversial WISDOM Home Schooling Society.

Back in October, the home-schooling association was shut down by the province after they alleged the group pocketed nearly $1 million taxpayer dollars from Alberta Education that was meant to fund the education of thousands of students. Trinity's registration and accreditation as a private school operator was cancelled.

A deal reached between Alberta Education and Trinity Christian School Association means additional oversight of operations, and stability for more than 3,500 students, according to the province — but it also means WISDOM will no longer be involved in any of the governance or financial involvement in the education of students.

In a news release, the province said the agreement filed in a Grand Prairie court Thursday is the end of the legal battle between Alberta Education and Trinity.

Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley couldn't say how much it will cost to have an administrator oversee the private school's books. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Education Minister David Eggen said they will appoint a financial administrator, for at least a year, to help Trinity's board of directors in developing financial policies and practices that meet taxpayer expectations. The administrator will also have oversight over public funding directed to Trinity

"Our priority has been ensuring that the funding we provide for education is being used to support students. We believe that today's agreement achieves this goal. It also ensures stability for more than 3,500 Alberta students," he said. "I stand behind the actions we have taken in this matter and officials will now move to assisting Trinity with developing governance and accounting practices that are at the standard expected by Alberta taxpayers."

> **Today's agreement ensures stability for more than 3,500 Alberta students.**
> David Eggen

Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley echoed these sentiments at a press conference Thursday and said the administrator will play a vital role in ensuring funds reach students (although she couldn't say how much the administrator would cost Alberta Education).

"They'll be tasked with making sure they have the proper procedures in place, so everyone can see transparently where the money is going," she said.

When Trinity was shut down in October, Alberta Education said they would be providing the findings of their review to both the Canada Revenue Agency and the RCMP to allow them to determine if further investigation is warranted.

"In terms of other investigations by the RCMP of CRA, those folks will determine the outcomes of their investigations and the government has no influence over that," said Ganley.

CARBON TAX

Rebate cheques in mail

The next stage of Alberta's carbon plan is under way, with carbon tax rebate cheques arriving to low- and middle-income families.

Deputy premier Sarah Hoffman said Thursday the rebate should offset the costs of the new carbon tax for many families, and perhaps leave a bit of money left over.

"By taking some simple steps to increase energy efficiency, things like using energy efficient light bulbs (and) low-flow shower heads, you're not only helping our environment but you're also saving yourself some money," said Hoffman, who made the announcement at an Edmonton home.

A single adult earning up to $47,500 per year will receive a rebate of $200, and a couple making a maximum combined $95,000 per year will get $300.

Parents that qualify will also get up to $30 per child, to a maximum of four.

Rebates will rise in 2018, in tandem with the carbon levy, to $300 for singles, $450 for couples and $45 per child.

Full rebates will go to an estimated 60 per cent of Albertans. Partial rebates go to another six per cent.

The other third — those who make more than $51,250 a year — receive no rebate at all.

The rebates are calculated and disbursed based on income tax returns.

The money is to offset the costs of the new carbon tax.

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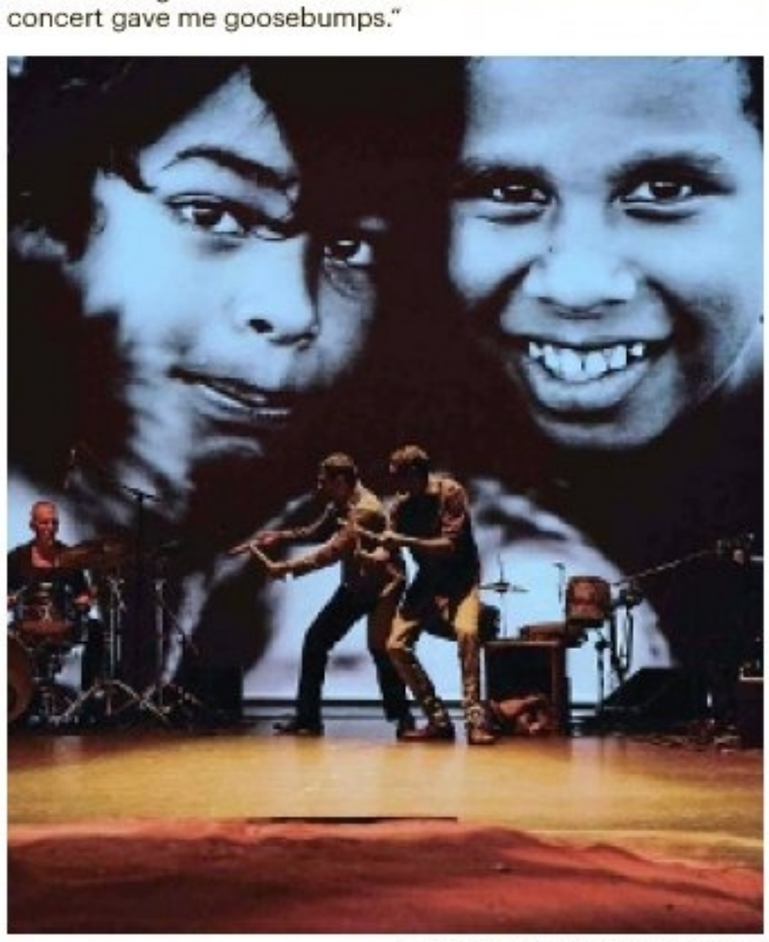
5 PICKS FOR THE HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO

It's like the running of the bulls, except the bulls are actors, writers and directors. But there's still a high-velocity impact — the 31st High Performance Rodeo has kicked off once again in Calgary. From Jan. 5 to Feb. 2 at venues throughout the city, artists from Calgary and the world will take to the stage in the city's international arts festival with a wide array of productions. There's a lot to choose from, so if this is your first time saddling up, artistic producer Ann Connors gives us her top five picks. AARON CHATHA/METRO

1 dirtsong – Black Arm Band

From Australia's cultural heartland, a collective of musicians, dancers and filmmakers perform in indigenous languages, with traditional instruments like the didgeridoo. "We have been trying for three years to bring this show to Calgary and now it's finally coming," Connor said. "A theatrical concert from some of the finest musicians in Australia, told in 11 different Indigenous languages with traditional instruments, dirtsong is a haunting musical tribute to the land that feeds us. This concert gave me goosebumps."



COURTESY HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO

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2 All the Little Animals I Have Eaten

Karen Hines challenges the notion that female-led productions can't be successful, by parsing some very female conversations that start to hit home when the food starts to speak. "I have been a fan of the work of One Yellow Rabbit long before I landed in this chair," Connors said. "And a fan of Karen Hines' work; her writing is sharp, biting, clever and extremely funny. And now with All the Little Animals I Have Eaten, two of my favourite things join forces to tell us a story by women and about women, in a way that only women can do.

3 So Blue

Artist Louise Lecavalier aims to allow the body to say everything it wants to say without censoring it in a perilous solo performance. "Louise Lecavalier is a national treasure," said Connors. "Her work as a principle dancer in La La La Human steps is known and respected around the world. And in So Blue, her emergence as a choreographer, Louise is powerful, relentless and simply breathtaking. We are so thrilled to welcome this Canadian icon to Calgary."

COURTESY ANDRÉ CORNELLIER

COURTESY HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO

4 Every Brilliant Thing

A U.K. touring company brings to life the dreams of a six-year-old girl who creates a list of everything brilliant and worth living for, while her mother lays in the hospital after "doing something stupid." "This play is the epitome of storytelling, one that takes difficult subject matter. In this case depression engages the audience in a deep and meaningful way to help tell that story," Connors explained. "I wept when I saw it in Brighton; wept when I watched the newly released documentary and will no doubt weep when I see it again at the Rodeo. It is, quite simply, a must see."

5 Why We Are Here

This standalone experience invites audience members to become a choir and sing in a site they normally wouldn't be able to sing in. Each night explores Calgary's history. "Who doesn't love to sing?" said Connors. "And Why We Are Here invites us to bring our hearts and our voices to join the choir. In three different locations in Calgary, Lougheed House, National Music Centre and Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, audiences are invited to create and sing a song about the space we inhabit and the world that surrounds us."

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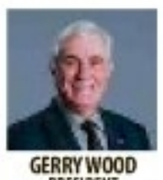

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Some areas fare better than others

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What you need to know about your property value in 2017

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Calgary's property values aren't stacking up to years past, according to city assessors.

But the city's revenue-neutral tax system means the municipal government still needs to pull its share, causing tax increases in spite of dropping value.

Tax hikes are being redistributed from heavier-hit properties onto those that are more prosperous, according to Harvey Fairfield, acting director of city assessment.

"Your tax is based upon the reassessment," said Fairfield. "So, as the reassessment value changed, (the city is) collecting the same amount of municipal tax revenue."

While 97 per cent of all changes to single residential and residential condominium taxes will stay in between plus or minus 10 per cent from last year, some neighbourhoods will fare better than others.

According to the city's Property Assessment Market Report, residential taxes are decreasing with the highest consistency in the southwest — with 96 per cent of residences in Glendale and 97 per cent of residences in Rosscarrock seeing a tax decrease.

Alternatively, the northeast and southeast are currently seeing more consistent increases, with 97 per cent of Fairview homes and 99 per cent of Martindale homes seeing a tax increase.

Out of the 10 neighbourhoods with the highest percentage of tax decreases, eight are in the southwest. For the highest percentage of tax increases, all 10 are in the northeast and southeast quadrants.

The assessments represent the city's estimate on the market value of properties on July 1, 2016, and the physical condition and characteristics of properties on Dec. 31, 2016.

Fairfield encouraged property owners to review assessment to ensure all details are correct and compare their property to others.

For more information, call the City of Calgary at 403-268-2888 or visit Calgary.ca/assessment.

BY THE NUMBERS PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

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The median assessment for a single-family residential home

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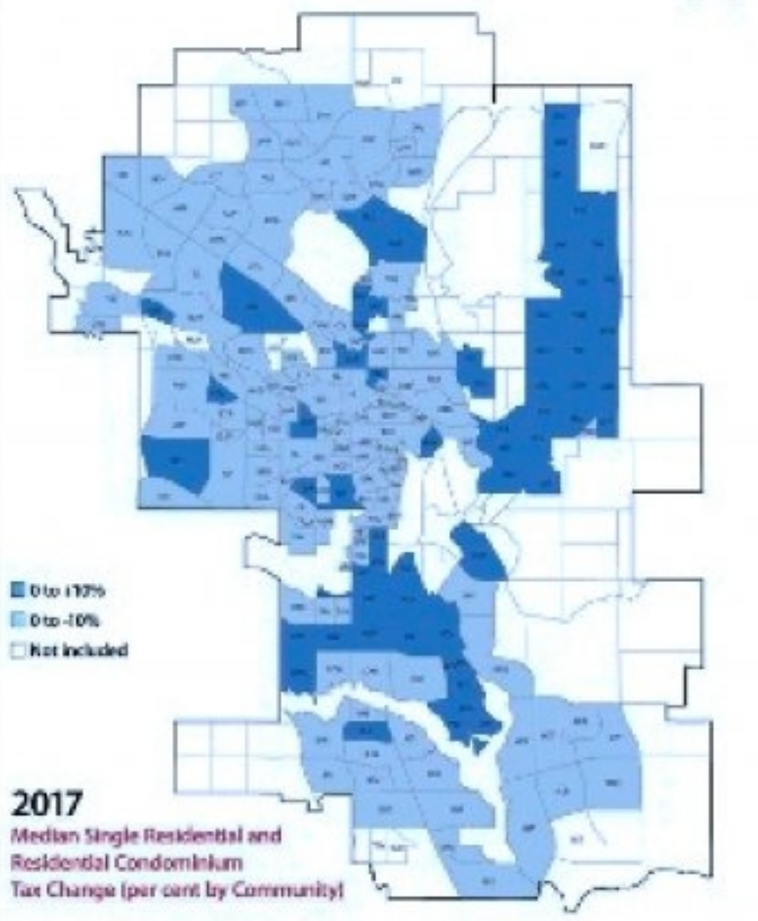
The median residential condominium assessment



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HEALTH

Influenza continues to hit Calgary hard

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

As the influenza death toll continues to rise, Alberta Health Services (AHS) is urging Calgarians to get their flu shot.

According to the latest data released Thursday, five people in the Calgary Zone with lab-confirmed influenza have died, the largest total of all five provincial zones.

"The vaccine is still readily available; it's not too late if you haven't gotten yours yet," said Dr. Judy MacDonald, medical officer of health in the Calgary Zone.

MacDonald said of the 13 influenza-related deaths across the province, all but one patient was 65 years of age or older.

Calgary has been a hot spot for influenza A, with 1,028 lab-confirmed cases so far this year. Edmonton is second, with a stark contrast of 259 lab-confirmed cases.

Doctors say it's not too late to get immunized. METRO FILE

Turbulent start for new airline

TRAVEL

Customer alleges breach of contract during delay

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Things are off to a turbulent start for new travel company and virtual airline NewLeaf.

After a stop-and-go start last January, in which the airline had to suspend customer bookings until a licensing dispute was resolved with the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA), it finally launched again in June 2016.

Problems arose over the holidays for the airline, which provides "ultra-low cost" travel options for Canadians, when numerous flights were cancelled resulting in major delays — some as long as 17 hours.

Justin Heska was booked on one such flight scheduled to fly out of Abbotsford airport to Calgary around 4:30 p.m. New Year's Eve.

At first, Heska said it just seemed like a minor delay, but the delays kept being pushed back further into the night. "Basically, 17 hours later I got home," he said.

Heska said he and other customers felt abandoned by the NewLeaf staff, who he alleges "basically hid in the back," but his main concern is what he believes is the breach of contract to customers, as provided on their website.

"The main thing was that food vouchers were not provided after four hours of delays and hotel vouchers were not provided after eight," he said.

David Atkins, director of commercial operations for Flair Air, which NewLeaf contracts to provide airplanes, said the issues that night were the result of a "perfect storm," including two out-of-commission de-icing machines and bad weather.

Atkins said they're conducting a full investigation, adding that "we definitely needed some better communication."

Heska said stranded passengers were provided popcorn from WestJet service agents but said he didn't see any food passed around by NewLeaf — something Atkins said he's heard to the contrary, as some have said pizza was distributed.

CANCELLED

To make matters worse for NewLeaf, they've now cancelled planned routes to Phoenix-Mesa and Melbourne-Orlando, forcing them to cancel planned flights and reimburse customers just days before their planned departures since WestJet began providing similar flights.

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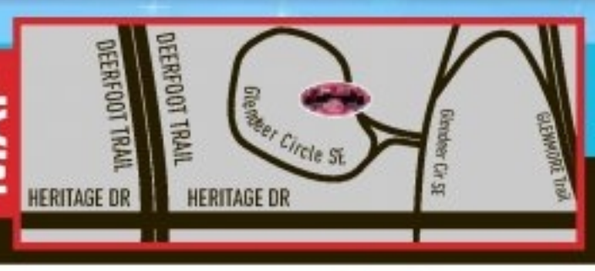

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Saturday: Henry Rollins
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Aaron Chatha
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SCIENCE

MRU's new dean uses pop culture to pique interest

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Mount Royal University's new dean of science and technology, Dr. Jonathan Withey, wants to raise the bar on scientific literacy so citizens can make more informed decisions.
JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Dr. Jonathan Withey's specialty is organic chemistry.

That probably doesn't mean much unless you've taken an undergrad course in organic chemistry, in which case you're probably having flashbacks at the mere mention of the word.

But Withey, the new dean of Mount Royal University's faculty of science and technology, doesn't see it so much as a challenge but a chance to be creative.

"It's funny," he said. "Organic chemistry is a bad memory for a lot of people. But I wasn't a mathematically minded chemist. I always gravitated towards more creative disciplines."

He said organic chemistry was the place he got to blend his passion for science with creativity.

At his previous teaching position at MacEwan University in Edmonton, he offered a lecture on the science behind the hit TV show Breaking Bad.

"I think the show did great things for enticing people into the world of science, almost without them realizing it," he said.

"There's obviously a certain amount of creative licence that goes into the depiction of science in those sorts of shows … but it's underpinned by what is authentic, plausible, credible science."

Withey wants to see scientific literacy raised to combat the wealth of misinformation available on the Internet. He notes people opposed to vaccinations can find lots of websites that back up their viewpoints.

> **"I think (Breaking Bad) did great things for enticing people into the world of science.**
> Dr. Jonathan Withey

"If I don't have a firm understanding of scientific method, the process of drug approval, the process of drug testing and validation, then I'm not going to review that information critically and I'm going to carry those biases with me," he said.

He said through continued outreach to students and prospective students, he hopes that young people will carry that scientific literacy with them.

"The influence you have on them as an individual certainly has every potential to propagate broadly through the community," Withey said.

EMERGENCY

EMS aids in birth of baby

EMS paramedics received an unexpected delivery on Thursday morning.

A Calgary woman was a passenger in a vehicle with her family in south Calgary when she unexpectedly went into labour around 8 a.m. — but help was nearby.

The driver of the vehicle, a family member, promptly pulled into EMS District Base #4, located at 15100 Macleod Trail.

One of the vehicle's occupants reportedly rang the base's doorbell to summon help.

Paramedics leapt into action and helped the woman deliver a bouncing baby boy inside the vehicle.

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PROFILE

Officials look forward to a potential tourism boost

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa's tourist sector is celebrating a glowing New York Times report published Thursday, on the city "emerging from the shadow of Montreal and Toronto."

The paper's 36 Hours in Ottawa report invites visitors to poke around the Château Laurier, sip wine on Sparks Street and get "a consummately Canadian sugar rush" of BeaverTails.

"To get on people's wish lists, you need articles like this," says Ottawa Tourism spokeswoman Jantine Van Kregten. "You need concrete examples of why someone would want to go there."

A 2007 Times article with the same title stuck to downtown, but Thursday's story ventures to Hintonburg and Centretown, which Van Kregten says speaks to the city's emerging neighbourhoods.

"The author did a really good job at capturing Ottawa," she said. "You can piece together a really kick-ass weekend by what the New York Times has shared."

Craig MacDonald, director of Ottawa Walking Tours, says media coverage plays a "huge" role in planting the idea of visiting in someone's head, or solidifying it.

"The larger the newspaper, the more likely you are to have them come up here," said MacDonald, who's thrilled the U.S. dollar is keeping high as Canada 150 events kick off.

"We're looking forward to a fantastic year."

Unlike its January 2015 report on the ByWard Market, the Times' opted against recommending the Wine Rack. That article "created some buzz" for Amanda May Lingerie.

"We had a lot of friends and family share the article which got us some new customers and had a few tourists over the summer stop by, thanks to the article," May said.

A glowing New York Times report "did a really good job at capturing Ottawa." ISTOCK

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4. Vogue lusted over Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with an intimate photoshoot where he was pictured embracing wife Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau

TURKEY

Canadian charged for 'insulting' Erdogan

A Canadian woman has been arrested in Turkey for allegedly insulting the country's president in comments posted on Facebook, her Turkish lawyer said Thursday.

Ece Heper, 50, was arrested in the city of Kars in northeastern Turkey, and charged on Dec. 30, Sertac Celikkaleli said.

Heper, a dual Canadian-Turkish citizen, had been in the country since mid-November, according to her friends.

"She is intense and opinionated, for sure," Birgitta Pavic said from her Toronto home.

At issue, her friends and lawyer said, are several recent Facebook posts about President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

In one posted on Dec. 28, Heper accused Erdogan of jailing journalists who suggest there is evidence Turkey is supporting Daesh.

Global Affairs Canada said they are aware of a Canadian citizen detained in Turkey and are providing consular assistance, but wouldn't divulge further information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Denied entry for being a widow

For 18 months, Christopher Campbell-Durufle has been trying to convince immigration officials that his mother-in-law in Colombia is a legitimate traveller with no intent to overstay her welcome in Canada.

Since 2015 the Toronto man has made three failed attempts to help Ofelia Chavez Ruiz obtain a visitor visa to see him and his wife but could not figure out the reasons for the rejections, which occurred despite documentation showing the 76-year-old woman's strong ties to her homeland.

However, Campbell-Durufle said a recent response from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to an MP on his family's behalf might have explained the real reason for the decisions.

"In the case that interests you, a note to our electronic file indicates that the applicant is a widow and that she was unable to convince the officers of the visa office in Bogota that she was firmly established in her country," the department noted in an email to the NDP's Thomas Mulcair, who had inquired on the family's behalf.

In previous rejection letters, officials had only cited the woman's lack of travel history, wealth and a purpose for the visit, as well as her ties to Canada through her daughter, as reasons for the refusals.

Carolina Delgado, left, her mother Ofelia Chavez Ruiz, and husband Christopher Campbell-Durufle. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Campbell-Durufle, a University of Toronto PhD student in international law, said he was shocked by the "widow" reference in his mother-in-law's file.

"No one could tell us what they wanted. We had given them all the information, notarized documents and statements trying to meet their criteria in good faith. The last application we presented had 186 pages of proofs," lamented Campbell-Durufle.

"But we couldn't do anything about the fact my mother-in-law is a widow. Does it mean that all widows and widowers can't travel to Canada?"

Marital status is not among the listed reasons in the Immigration Department's form rejection letter.

After Torstar inquired into the matter, officials said the Canadian visa post in Bogota has advised Chavez Ruiz this week to submit a new application and promised she will be issued a three-month visitor visa.

"Visa applications are considered on a case-by-case basis on the specific facts presented by the applicant in each case," noted Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada spokeswoman Nancy Chan. "The department does not discriminate based on the relationship status of an individual."

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UNITED KINGDOM

Harry 'constantly in trouble,' Princess Diana letter says

Letters sent by Britain's late Princess Diana — including one in which she described a young Prince Harry as being "constantly in trouble" while at boarding school — sold for thousands of pounds at an auction Thursday.

The six handwritten notes were sent to Cyril Dickman, a former head steward at Buckingham Palace, during the 1980s and 1990s.

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IRAQ

Attacks in Baghdad kill 27

Several attacks in and around Baghdad, including a suicide car bombing in a busy commercial area after nightfall on Thursday, killed at least 27 people in a particularly brutal day in the Iraqi capital.

The suicide bomber, who targeted shops and food stands near a bus station in the city's busy Bab al-Muadam area, killed 11, a police officer said. He says the bombing also wounded at least 22 people. Earlier in the day, bombings elsewhere in and around Baghdad killed at least 16 people and wounded dozens, officials said.

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UNITED STATES

Hate-crime charges filed in Chicago attack on mentally disabled man

Four black people were charged with hate crimes Thursday in connection with a video broadcast live on Facebook that showed a mentally disabled white man being beaten and taunted, threatened with a knife and forced to drink from a toilet.

The assault went on for hours, until Chicago police found the disoriented victim walking along a street. The suspects can be heard on the video using profanities against white people and Donald Trump.

It's also possible that the suspects were trying to extort something from the victim's family, police said.

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Protesters rally against Donald Trump outside of Trump Tower in New York on Nov. 3. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A chance to speak up

Those who've signed on to the Women's March have agreed to fight for equality — and to stand united

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

Here's your motto for 2017, courtesy of the columnist Connie Schultz: "Your voice matters, but only if you use it."

Thus, hundreds of thousands marching in Washington and 47 U.S. states is a perfect start to the era of Trump. A critical, powerful first step to make dissenting voices heard.

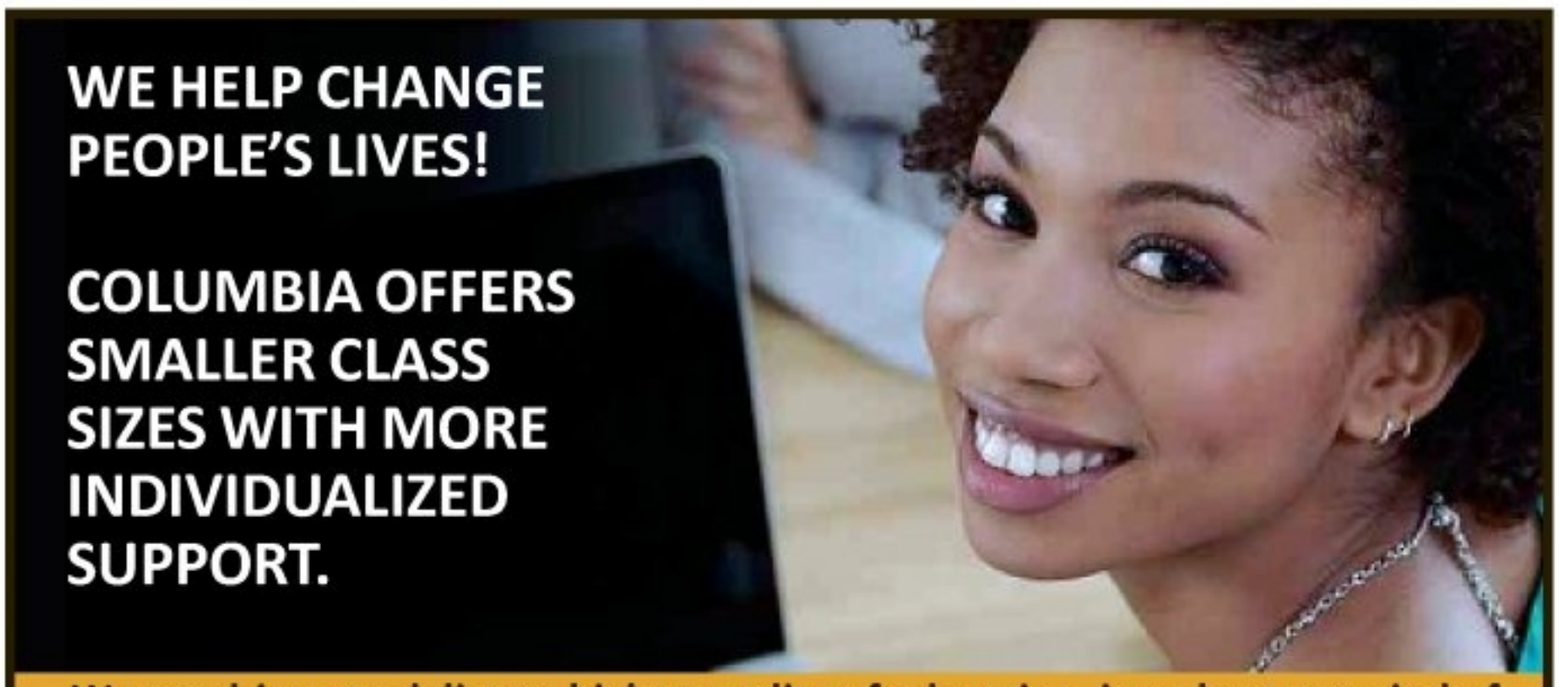
And yet the Women's March on Washington — a movement set for Jan. 21 to defend the rights of women, LGBTQ people, Muslims and those of all faiths, racialized people and ultimately all people — has already been deemed useless by some.

Feminists are "making Trump's threat about themselves," argued Shikha Dalmia in The Week. Trump and his Republican-controlled capital aren't actually a threat to women. It's just feminists getting hysterical and responding with "a confused and pointless march," she writes.

Leaving aside the worn-out misogyny of arguing that the women's movement is a shriek-fest, this kind of put-down about focus is the kind of pre-packaged criticism you could throw at any movement, of any era, at any time.

Those who've signed on have in fact agreed to something: They've agreed to fight for equality, inclusivity and to stand united against threats that will inevitably hit the most marginalized, first. And most importantly, they've agreed to be vocal about it.

The march is an opportunity to galvanize action that will need to be sustained for years. It's a reminder to Republicans — who lost the popular vote, who gerrymandered and vote-suppressed their way into victories — that they have the rest of the country to answer to. Not just their voters.



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Naps power brains: A study of Chinese seniors found getting an hour of shut-eye in the afternoon could slow down age-related memory loss

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ON THE VERGE OF GREAT SCIENCE

2016 was a standout year for science. Canadian researchers played a weighty role in observing gravitational waves for the first time, NASA's JUNO spacecraft arrived on Jupiter, and the gene-editing technology CRISPR came into its own. **2017 could be even more exciting. Here's what's on the global science agenda.**

1 The black hole in our backyard

If you think a solar eclipse is the coolest celestial scene we're going to see in 2017, think again. Early this year, scientists are set to take the first-ever snapshot of an event horizon — the "point of no return" — where stuff, like hot gas and dust, gets sucked into a black hole. The black hole in question, Sagittarius A*, is right at the centre of our very own Milky Way galaxy, just 26,000 light-years away. If the predictions of Einstein's theory of general relativity are correct, it should appear as a crescent of bright gases surrounding a dark spot, and the size of the shadow it casts should be very close to current calculations. Talk about the ultimate test.

2 Synthetic blood

Blood transfusions are a miracle of modern medicine. Before the science of blood typing became accurate and reliable in the 20th century, there wasn't much of anything to be done for someone who needed blood. But there's still a perplexing problem —transfusions require an endless supply of healthy human volunteers willing to donate. Soon, that could change. In 2017, a British clinical trial is going to transfuse volunteers with synthetic blood for the first time. Because the blood cells are grown from donated stem cells, it might be more accurately called engineered or lab-grown blood. Whatever we call it, it could revolutionize medical care for people who've suffered from bleeding or bleeding disorders.

3 Planet 9 from outer space

Far, far, away, but in our galaxy, scientists believe there's a large, icy planet on the outer edge of our solar system. It only orbits Earth once every 15,000 years or so. We haven't seen it (just objects orbiting it), but several teams around the world have telescopes trained on the spot they believe Planet 9 may be lurking.

5 Quantum computers

All modern computing is based on binary code: A series of numbers called "bits" that can be in one of two states: 0 or 1. Because quantum physics is crazy, tiny subatomic particles (like photons, the stuff light is made of) can be in more than one state at the same time (such as up, down, or both). Because of this, quantum computers have the potential to do super-complex calculations today's computers can't handle. Until now, it's been mostly theoretical. But some scientists believe we'll see quantum computers IRL in 2017. Both Google and Microsoft have quantum projects in the works.

4 A major victory against malaria

2017 may well be remembered as the year we finally tamed one of the greatest killers in human history: Plasmodium, the mosquito-borne parasite that causes malaria. We're getting closer than ever to a malaria vaccine that actually works. And it's made of the malaria parasite itself, just engineered without three key genes that help it invade the liver. The first human trials, published this week in the journal Science Translational Medicine, found the vaccine is safe, doesn't cause too many side effects, and stimulates the body's immune response to malaria. The coolest part? The researchers gave the dummy parasite to patients the same way they'd get the real one: not in a syringe, but through the bite of an infected mosquito. The next steps are to test it on more people and determine how vaccinated patients fare when exposed to the disease.

If the results are good, a vaccine will fight malaria in a way no insecticide, protective gear or bed netting could. Resolution 2018: Kiss malaria goodbye for good.

FINDINGS
Your week in science

NASA

PLUTO'S PENITENTES
Penitentes: spectacular spires of natural ice, stretching as far as the eye can see, are famously found in the Andes. Now York University researchers say penitentes made of methane and nitrogen are on Pluto, too.

SINGLE IN THE SUBURBS
Find suburbia depressing? It's not just you. When humans invade their forest homes, certain songbirds — including the Pacific wren and Swainson's thrush — flee the area, fail to breed bird babies, and even "divorce" from their long-term mates, says a 10-year study of the Seattle area.

SOUND SMART

TRANS NEPTUNIAN OBJECT

DEFINITION
A **trans-Neptunian object** is any object in our solar system that orbits beyond Neptune. Pluto is one **trans-Neptunian** object out of more than 70,000 that measure at least 100 km across.

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Deborah is being such a pain that I'd love to stick her on a spaceship and send her to live on a **trans-Neptunian object** on the outer reaches of our solar system.

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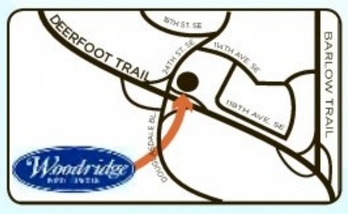

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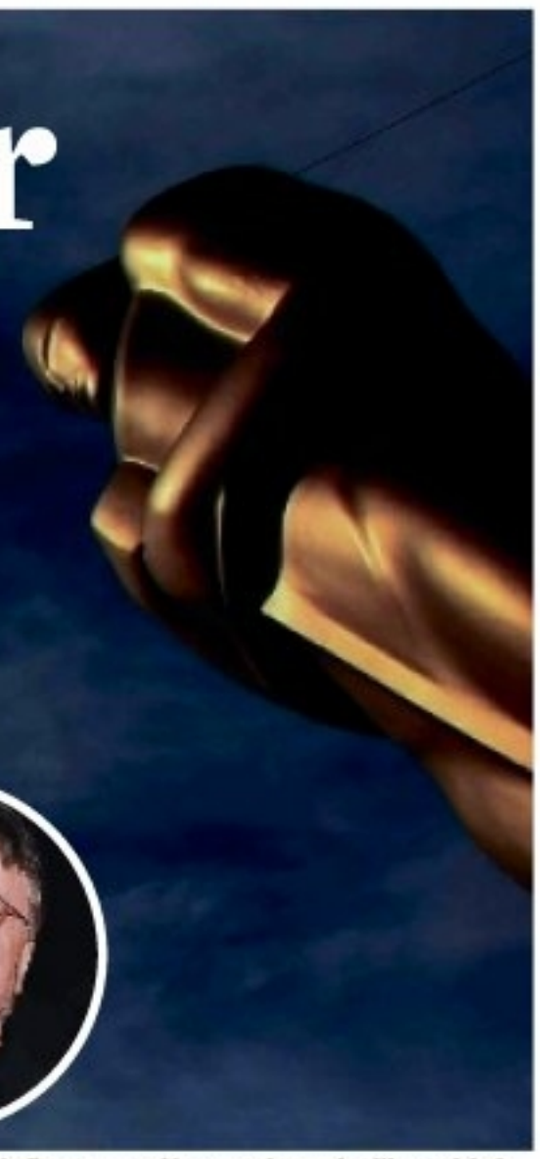
Clouds over Hollywood

Awards season is upon us but with many questions hanging over the movie industry, it's not really time to celebrate. Here are Metro's thoughts on clearing the skies.



Hollywood is facing many questions about its future direction. Metro thinks greater influence and impact from the likes of, left to right, Ava DuVernay, Kristen Stewart and Guillermo Del Toro would go a long way to helping. GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

It's awards season, a heady time when the movie biz pats itself on the back for a job well done. Tuxedoes are rented, Botox injected by the gallon and hundreds of miles of red carpets unfurled as industry insiders honour the best of the best with statues and speeches.

But is it really a time for celebration? The movie biz had a record-breaking year, raking in north of $11.4 billion on the backs of, as one industry insider said, "a forgetful fish, infighting superheroes and some intergalactic rebels."

But for every Finding Dory, Captain America or Rogue One, which all earned good reviews and audience support, there were dozens of others that acted as public repellent, driving viewers away in droves. Those unsuccessful movies are dark clouds hanging heavy over the Hollywood landscape. Metro has some thoughts on how to clear the skies and ensure smooth sailing until Hollywood runs out of awards to hand out.

Let's spend more time watching imaginative new worlds and ideas brought to life on the screen. Give me more movies from Guillermo Del Toro, Edgar Wright and Andrea Arnold, filmmakers who constantly reinvent our relationship with story and cinema.

Although I'm looking forward to John Wick 2 and Skull Island, let's cut back on the reboots, reimaginings, remakes and films with numbers in their titles.

Let Kristen Stewart do anything she wants. Her death-defying leap from a Young Adult idol to indie star has been inspiring to watch. She digs deeper and deeper with every role, distancing herself from the teeny-bopper image that defined the early part of her career. Her choices are wild and woolly and you don't know what to expect next from her. More please.

No more 'interesting' movies from Will Smith. His over-thinking has done more collateral damage to his once towering career than his last film, Collateral Beauty.

More convulsive belly laughs triggered by thoughtful, interesting jokes please. That means fewer films that mistake politically incorrect "did he really just say that?" jokes for actual humour.

Can we have more reliance on the human touch on screen; directors like Jim Jarmusch, Mira Nair and Barry Jenkins who use instinct and experience to create their art.

Let's have less studio reliance on branding, formula and script algorithms like ScriptBook, ScripThreads and Slated. Successful movie ideas don't come from marketing departments or mathematical analysis, they come from the hearts and minds of interesting storytellers.

For every Finding Dory, Captain America or Rogue One, which all earned good reviews and audience support, there were dozens that acted as public repellent.

We need more films that pass both the Bechdel Test (does the movie feature a scene where two women discuss something other than a man?) as well as the DuVernay Test (do the African American and other minority characters have fully realized lives or are they just scenery in white stories?) If the answer is yes to either of these questions, you'll have more films that better reflect the world we live in.

Finally, it's time for Hollywood to be truly egalitarian. We need to see an end to white actors cast in non-white roles. It's not knee-jerk political correctness — it's justice for years of whitewashing in Hollywood. Recently in Doctor Strange, Gods of Egypt, Aloha and many others caucasian actors were cast in roles written or conceived for people of colour. Let's stop that in 2017.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Hidden Figures ★★★★
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Is the silver screen now losing some of its shine?

Amid a slew of celebrity deaths in 2016, there was also worry over the health of Hollywood itself. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

We're all scattered around the world and we make films all around the world, and Hollywood pretty much is of some bygone era now.
Nicole Kidman

It's now no longer about the 'who' but the 'what.' People are less interested in stars and more interested in what the film's actually about.
David Oyelowo

There are so many rules... the second that you do put restrictions on art, you're going to see a shape-shift, because you can't restrict expression. Shailene Woodley

I do feel myself, workwise, looking in other venues than movies. Movies are just a part of what we do now. Peter Sarsgaard

The cinema I grew up with and that I'm making, it's gone.
Martin Scorsese

Sigourney Weaver as an 'unlovable' grandmother

INTERVIEW

Sci-fi queen says playing her character in A Monster Calls was a challenge she welcomed

Sigourney Weaver plays her first role as a grandmother in A Monster Calls. The 67-year-old actress, famous for her Alien and Ghostusters films, said she jumped at the chance to be a part of the fantasy drama directed by J.A. Bayona. QUIM VIVES/FOCUS FEATURES VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As she portrayed a stern, emotionally reserved British matriarch in her latest film A Monster Calls, sci-fi queen Sigourney Weaver marked a career milestone — her first role as a grandmother.

The 67-year-old actress, famous for her Alien and Ghostbusters films among many others, said she jumped at the chance to be a part of the heart-wrenching fantasy drama directed by J.A. Bayona.

"I thought it was sort of fun," she said of playing a grandmother after a slew of iconic action roles. "It was a pleasure."

A Monster Calls, based on a novel of the same name by Patrick Ness, tells the story of Conor O'Malley, a young boy grappling with the looming death of his sick and rapidly weakening mother, who is played by Felicity Jones.

As Conor struggles with the reality of his mother's deteriorating condition, faces bullies at school, and deals with his long-distance father, he slips into the realm of fantasy. He begins encountering an enormous tree-like monster, voiced by Liam Neeson, who visits him nightly to tell him stories that end up carrying particular significance.

Conor is played by Scottish actor Lewis MacDougall, who was 12 at the time of filming.

Weaver plays Conor's seemingly frigid grandmother, seen as uptight and unfeeling by her grandson, but secretly battling her own emotions. She said she dug into her role by tapping into personal experiences.

> **It was often a heart-rending experience.**
> Sigourney Weaver

"When you participate in a story like this you have to bring a lot of parts of yourself that you don't often use," Weaver said in an interview.

"In my case, I haven't been a grandmother but I'm certainly a mother and I'm a daughter. It was often a heart-rending experience, but at the same time the film is so uplifting."

Weaver noted, however, that it was a challenge playing a character that starts out being quite unlikeable.

"Playing someone who is trying so hard to love her family and they find her unlovable was very interesting to me," she said.

"I guess that to me was the challenge of it. To play someone who wanted so much to be of help and to be a support and her help or suggestions are rejected until finally all of that, her whole physical being ... all this armour that she has drops away and she's just this grandmother who is losing her daughter and trying to comfort her grandson."

Helping Weaver navigate her role was the fact that her own mother was English, a handy piece of family heritage that she drew on for the character.

"It's a very familiar accent and a very familiar world to me," she said. "Because my mother was English and they have a kind of formality, I just found that very interesting territory."

While much of the film confronts the issues of loss and using the power of fantasy to grieve, Weaver said the film does have a positive side to it.

"I find the movie very healing," she said. "More healing than it is upsetting in a way."

A Monster Calls opens in theatres on Friday.

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Janelle Monáe stars as Mary Jackson in Hidden Figures. Of the film's three co-stars Monae stands out. Following her role in Barry Jenkins' Moonlight, the R&B singer made an arresting big-screen debut this fall. HOPPER STONE

Monáe shines amongst formidable threesome

FEEL-GOOD FILM

Hidden Figures avoids typical notes of a civil rights drama

Theodore Melfi's buoyant Hidden Figures is an old-fashioned feel-good movie with powerful contemporary relevance, spearheaded by a trio of unstoppable actresses playing black women who wouldn't be stopped.

Set in 1961 Virginia, the fact-based Hidden Figures, adapted from Margot Lee Shetterly's non-fiction book, is about three peripheral characters at NASA who made important contributions to the space race. Their workplace, at Langley, is segregated (with separate bathrooms and drinking fountains) and the offices are uniformly run by white males in suits.

But the talent and smarts of mathematician Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), budding engineer Mary Jackson (Janelle Monae) and computer supervisor Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) are becoming impossible to ignore.

Metaphors are all around. While rockets lift off, the women of Hidden Figures strive for their own upward movement. Arithmetic surrounds them, but they're continuously underestimated.

"That's NASA for you. Fast with rocket ships, slow with advancement," says Kirsten Dunst's manager.

Johnson is pulled out of a pool of computers (human ones, though a room-sized IBM makes a late appearance) and brought into the all-white rocket centre to check the trajectories and calculations of the scientists rushing to match Sputnik and lift John Glenn (Glen Powell) into space. Their leader is Al Harrison (a fine, scene-chewing Kevin Costner), who compassionately responds to Johnson's rise.

But Hidden Figures, punctuated by bright original songs by Pharrell Williams (who also collaborated with Hans Zimmer and Benjamin Wallfisch on the score), avoids many of the typical notes of a civil rights drama and keeps its focus on its three indomitable leads and their characters' private lives. Nobody would mistake it for a deeply complicated examination of segregation and no one will wonder if Melfi's film is going to end on a high note.

Octavia Spencer stars as computer supervisor Dorothy Vaughan in Hidden Figures. HOPPER STONE

Instead, Hidden Figures is a straightforward, satisfying tale of triumph, full of warmth and crowd-pleasing scenes that its cast lends spirit and verve to. Henson fierily delivers the film's big, cathartic moment, one that will surely resonate for audiences familiar with her plight. In such scenes, Hidden Figures feels both of the '60s and of now. These are figures that have often been hidden from movie screens, too.

But of the formidable threesome, it's Monae who most stands out. Following her role in Barry Jenkins' Moonlight (whose Mahershala Ali also appears here, captivatingly as a military officer and love interest), the R&B singer has made an altogether arresting big-screen debut this fall. Regal, powerful and tender, she just might be a full-on movie star. The real rocket of Hidden Figures is Monae.

Taraji P. Henson stars as mathematician Katherine Johnson in Hidden Figures. HOPPER STONE

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A tale of drug-smuggling Mennonites

NEW SERIES

Creator of CBC's Pure had hard time selling his idea

What if Walter White was a Mennonite?

Pure, which premieres Monday on CBC-TV, is based on actual accounts of Mennonites acting as drug mules. Various reports suggest some members were smuggling cocaine and marijuana into Canada all the way from Mexico by hiding drugs in hollowed-out car batteries and wheels of cheese.

Series writer and creator Michael Amo (The Listener) optioned one such magazine article nearly a decade ago but had a hard time selling networks on a Christian sect version of Breaking Bad.

"I couldn't get any traction on it," says Amo, whose Russian-immigrant grandparents were Mennonites. "I found there was a lot of resistance to the notion that this was even real."

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Well-publicized busts involving drug mules in Calgary and southwestern Ontario helped open a few eyes, says Amo. Around the same time, so did the success of True Detective and Fargo, two dark dramas that proved there was an appetite for short-run series.

Shaw Media developed Pure for a while "then decided it wasn't for them," says Amo. That's when CBC stepped in, with the series going into production in Nova Scotia this past fall.

Key to the project was finding the right actor to play Noah Funk, the God-fearing head of the Mennonite community.

"Walter White's journey was all about a good man becoming bad," says Amo. "Our story is about a very good man becoming bad in deed, but always remaining good in heart and being tormented by all these transgressions."

> **Our story is about a very good man becoming bad in deed, but always remaining good in heart.**
> Michael Amo, Pure series writer and creator

Amo found his straight arrow leader in Ryan Robbins, a native of Victoria, B.C. with credits on everything from Arrow to "Continuum and Battlestar Galactica. Clean-shaven and sporting nerdy glasses, a straw hat and suspenders, Robbins looks the part. On the day of a press visit to a hillside location, director Ken Girotti — who helms all six episodes — has Funk take his frustrations out on a cellphone.

Funk's un-Godly dilemma: he must betray a fellow Mennonite in order to rid his community of drug traffickers.

The plan backfires when drug kingpin Eli Voss (Peter Outerbridge) threatens Funk's family if he doesn't look the other way on the smuggling operation.

"He's trying to be true to his God and his family," says Robbins. "He thinks he can do all this and get back to the way things were before. He very quickly finds himself in (trouble)."

Encouraged by Girotti, Outerbridge (Orphan Black, ReGenesis) strives to portray Voss as pure evil.

"We decided I didn't want to have any facial expression," he says. "He should come across as that thing that Mennonite moms told their kids before they go to bed at night: make sure they do well in school or Eli Voss will come and get you."

Funk finds two unlikely allies in trying to bring Voss to justice: a former high school tormentor-turned misfit cop (played by Irish-born Canadian actor A.J. Buckley) and American drug enforcement agency officer Phoebe O'Reilly (Oscar nominee Rosie Perez).

"He's a degenerate, but he's honest about it," says Buckley of his character.

The Pure cast had one big challenge that had nothing with character development, however: making scenes shot in farm fields in Dartmouth in November look like rural Mexico.

"Especially when we're trying to hide the fact we can see our breath," says Robbins, "and the crew's all bundled up like Kenny from South Park."

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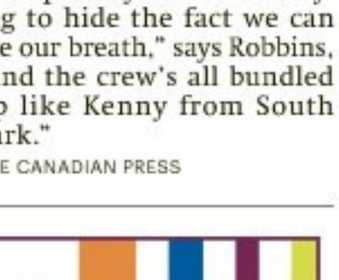
DIALOGUE

Perez takes advice 'to stop talking like Rosie'

For Pure, Oscar nominee Rosie Perez, who plays American drug enforcement agency officer, tamed her loud and proud Puerto Rican/Brooklyn accent and spoke barely above a whisper.

"I worked really hard for two straight weeks," she says, taking her vocal coach's suggestion — even in interviews — to "stop talking like Rosie and just talk like O'Reilly. It was the greatest advice."



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Why you don't drop a wrench onto a warhead

Allan Childers, second right, poses with others on a Titan II missile crew at Damascus, Arkansas. Childers was deputy commander of the ill-fated crew who flirted with disaster in 1980. AP PHOTO/US AIR FORCE

DOCUMENTARY

Exploring the story of a very close call with nuclear horror

For about 10 hours in 1980, the United States faced a nuclear threat of its own making after an airman performing maintenance on a Titan II missile dropped a 9-pound socket wrench 70 feet, ripping a hole in a fuel tank and leading to an explosion that propelled a 9-megaton warhead out of the ground.

Using decades-old U.S. Air Force training footage, reenactments and drone-shot video from a mothballed silo, director Robert Kenner recalls the tense time that began beneath the northern Arkansas landscape. His documentary, Command and Control, airs Tuesday on PBS as part of its American Experience series.

"The real story is how close we came to blowing up a quarter of the country," Kenner said in a telephone interview. "The warhead going off would have changed history."

In the heat of the Cold War, the U.S. placed nuclear warheads atop 54 Titan II missiles and spread them evenly among Arizona, Arkansas and Kansas. The U.S. Air Force never confirmed their presence, but it was common knowledge that they dotted the Arkansas hills, said Skip Rutherford, then an aide to Sen. David Pryor.

On the night of the accident, airmen who had previously raised concerns with Pryor about missile safety called Rutherford — interrupting him while he was having dinner with a friend — to say that a volatile mix of rocket fuel and oxidizer was sure to blow.

"We don't know what that means," Rutherford said this week. "We don't know what the missile does — is there a radiation leak, a nuclear explosion? Something is going to happen and it's not going to be good. It's just what degree of bad it is."

The vapours exploded in the middle of the night, killing one airman and injuring 21 others. The force of the blast cast the warhead out of the eight-story underground bunker; searchers found it later, in a ditch 200 yards away.

"If the system worked properly, someone dropping a tool couldn't send a nuclear warhead into a field," Eric Schlosser, who wrote the book Command and Control in 2013, says in the documentary.

With the Arkansas rockets, plus those in the other states, the U.S. intended to show the Soviet Union and the rest of the world that the nation was ready for a fight. They were dismantled by 1987, and their silos left open so the Soviets could use satellite imagery to verify their removal.

As they stood, airmen didn't want to push the button to launch a missile but knew the day might come when they had to, said Allan Childers, a member of a missile combat crew.

"You had to be prepared to destroy an entire civilization," he says in the film. "As heartless as it sounds, I never had a problem. I was doing it for my country. ... Deterrence is worthless if you don't demonstrate that you're willing to do it."

Schlosser and Kenner, who share screenwriting credits, make a point that every weapon built for use elsewhere also poses a threat at home, in one way or another.

In Damascus, Arkansas, about 45 miles north of Little Rock, the human error involved an airman using a socket wrench in a missile silo rather than a torque wrench called for in an updated checklist.

"Luck is a bad policy," Kenner said, paraphrasing a theme from the documentary, which is on the 15-film short list for Best Documentary at this year's Academy Awards. "This is a story about human beings making mistakes, but the consequences of making a mistake with this missile and warhead are tremendous."

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> Robert Kenner

Exploring the diversity of Nashville

MUSICAL DRAMA

Cross-section of music, cast to the fore in show's revamp

The new season of Nashville starts with traditional songs rooted in gospel and folk music rather than big production country songs.

Rayna, played by Connie Britton, finds a revelation after hearing a blind man singing Wayfaring Stranger, an Appalachian tune estimated to be two centuries old. And Juliette, played by Hayden Panettiere, sees an angelic vision in white singing the hymn God Shall Wipe All Tears Away.

Cancelled by ABC after four seasons, the new season of Nashville airs Thursdays at 9 p.m., on CMT in the U.S. and W in Canada, and it aims to reflect more diversity in both the music and the cast.

In recurring roles this season: Grammy-winning banjo player and singer Rhiannon Giddens and writer-actress-producer Jen Richards, the first out transgender actor on a CMT series.

"I have spent so much of my life studying and playing music that has gone into country music: the banjo, the fiddle, the string band tunes," said Giddens, the lead singer of the African-American string band Carolina Chocolate Drops.

Grammy-winning singer Rhiannon Giddens will have a recurring role on the new season of Nashville. GETTY IMAGES

Fans of contemporary country music may recognize Giddens, who sings the hymn in the first episode, from her duet with Eric Church on the Country Music Association Awards show in November.

"It is time for the real history of country music to have more of a highlight, for people to know that there were lots of black people who played the banjo, that the string band itself came from plantation culture," said Giddens.

The changes behind the scenes include new showrunners Marshall Herskovitz and Edward Zwick, who created the show Thirtysomething and were executive producers on My So-Called Life.

"We wanted to explore the diversity of music that's going on in Nashville," Herskovitz said. "To bring in people of different ethnicities and from different backgrounds just felt important."

Richards, who earned an Emmy nomination for her web series Her Story, said word spread quickly within the transgender acting community that Nashville was casting because there are so few television roles available.

"I only get called in for trans roles and then I lose those parts to men because they think I look too much like a regular girl to play a trans part," Richards said.

The casting of a recurring transgender role on a show set and shot in the South is extremely timely. Last year, Tennessee lawmakers considered a so-called "bathroom bill" that would require public school students to use the restrooms corresponding to their gender at birth. Viacom, the parent company of CMT, condemned the bill in Tennessee, which ultimately failed to pass.

However, when Richards goes to visit her family in North Carolina, it's a different story. Lawmakers there failed to repeal a law that limits protections for LGBT people and includes a provision about which bathrooms transgender people can use. Lionsgate, which produces Nashville, pulled production out of North Carolina on another series because of the law.

"That law was only possible, people could only draft that and put it through and actually vote for it and support it because they don't know trans people," Richards said during an interview on set in Nashville. "It's because we're not on TV shows. We're not in the movies."

Herskovitz said the show will address Richards' gender later in the season, but said many people likely will not even notice in the first episodes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUSIC GOSSIP

The end of the road for Minaj and Mill

Mill and Minaj began dating in 2015. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Nicki Minaj and Meek Mill have apparently broken up.

Minaj tweeted Thursday : "To confirm, yes I am single."

Minaj added that she's focusing on her work and looking forward to sharing it soon.

Mill and Minaj were one of hip-hop's most prominent couples. They frequently performed together and could be seen courtside at NBA games. In 2015, she testified on Mill's behalf in a Philadelphia court in an effort to keep him out of jail over probation violations and promised to keep Mill in line. A defence lawyer also said at the time the couple seriously discussing marriage. Mill hasn't commented on the split.

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SHELTON BRANCHES OUT

Singer fronts venues

The company that owns the Grand Ole Opry and the Ryman Auditorium is opening two new venues in Tennessee and Oklahoma with the help of country star Blake Shelton. Although Shelton isn't an owner, he will be the face of the properties. The name is based on the song Ol' Red, a song Shelton recorded on his 2002 debut album.

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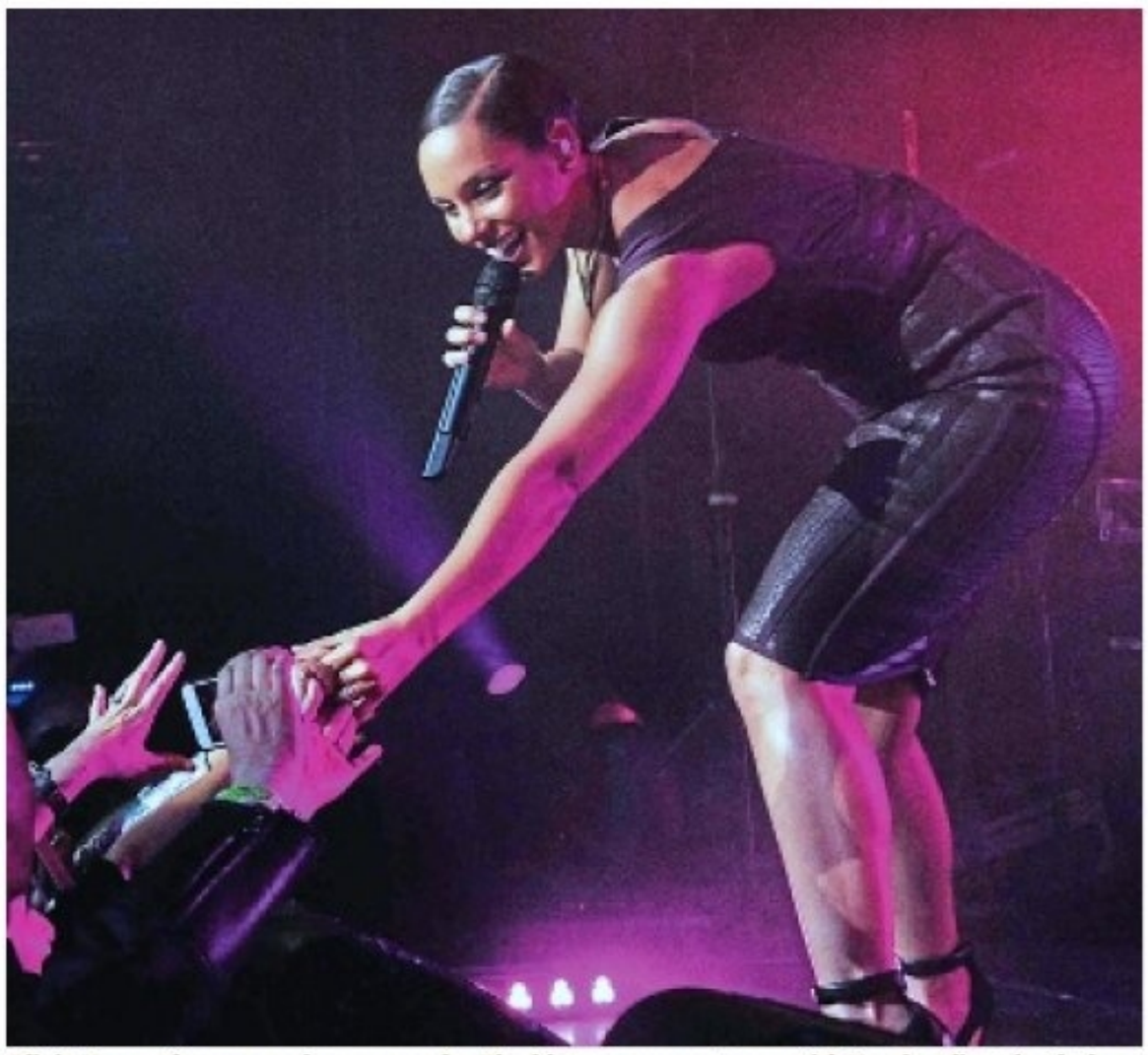
LIVE CONCERTS

Some musical acts frustrated in the glare of smartphones



Alicia Keys, a former spokeswoman for Blackberry, now partners with Yondr, a firm that helps enforce 'phone-free spaces' at live music events. JEROD HARRIS/GETTY IMAGES

When the lights dim at concert venues as the show begins, often it's smartphones that first emerge from the darkness.

Even before the performers take the stage, some fans are fumbling with their devices hoping to capture every moment on their cameras — regardless of whether they're even close enough for a good shot.

Phil Collins has seen it happen countless times with concertgoers who yank themselves out of the emotional experience to play amateur cinematographer.

"They're half consumed with whether it's in focus or they're getting the best light — just so they can go home and enjoy it," he says.

"When the lights used to swing out into the audience on the Genesis tour everybody had (sun)glasses on. Now the lights swing out and you see 15,000 cameras."

It's a debate that got musicians particularly rankled in 2016, as they fought against the tide of the YouTube generation.

Alicia Keys grabbed international attention early in the year for her decision to sign with Yondr, which enforces "phone-free spaces." The company locks devices in a patented case that can be carried by the owner but only unlocked outside the venue.

Snubbing cameras ignited a debate over whether Keys, once a spokeswoman for BlackBerry, was taking too strong a stance against her own fans and ubiquitous technology.

But it's not like the standoff between musicians and cameras is entirely new. For years it was considered a faux pas to sneak personal cameras into shows.

Music icons like Beyonce and Prince warned fans that digital cameras would be confiscated by security at their shows. Prince even made it part of its famous 'Purple Rules' posted outside of arenas.

"Violators will be asked to access another experience," he warned.

As high-quality smartphones hit the market, the fight against cameras became almost futile. Everyone suddenly had a lens at their disposal and with it came the urge to snap a good picture.

Metric frontwoman Emily Haines is hopeful that more fans might think twice before pulling out their devices.

"I feel like Metric shows used to be like rock 'n roll church," she says. "The doors (would) close and this was our home for the next couple hours."

Haines says it's become tougher to recapture that energy in larger venues as more people try to document their experience.

"It's like, 'OK, I'm not here for the world's worst photo shoot. I'm here to play music.
Emily Haines, frontwoman Metric

"You're trying to convey to thousands of people something that will unify everyone ... and instead realize someone is taking a super unflattering close-up picture of you. It's like, 'OK, I'm not here for the world's worst photo shoot. I'm here to play music.'"

Haines is also cautious of how some concertgoers are looking for the viral clips that'll catch fire on social media. Countless artists have been forced to defend their off-the-cuff remarks to fans or rewatch embarrassing stage tumbles that wound up online.

"It feels like the risk of being totally spontaneous is not worth the consequence, if somebody has posted it on YouTube before you've even left the building," she says.

"You bring on the ire of whoever you've offended."

Australian singer Troye Sivan, who rose to fame on YouTube before launching his mainstream pop career, is used to seeing his Internet-savvy fans throwing up their phones at his shows.

"It's almost a different form of reward," he says.

"When I start playing a song and see all the phones coming up, I'm like, 'Oh people want to share this, that's a good thing.'"

But that doesn't necessarily mean Sivan likes shooting amateur concert footage himself.

"I might film for like 10 seconds to get something for my Instagram story, but I've never been the person that films the whole song," he adds.

"My mom does that, and I'm like, 'Mom, are you going to go home and watch it back later? What's the goal here?'"

Vine star Ruth B shares his sentiments, even though she launched her career by offering a glimpse into her most intimate musical moments sitting at her piano. The singer rose to fame after encouraging fans to interact with the creation of her debut song Lost Boy.

She thinks filming concerts is a totally different situation.

"I've always been a really big advocate for living in the moment," Ruth B says.

"I'd rather see something through my own eyes than a phone screen."

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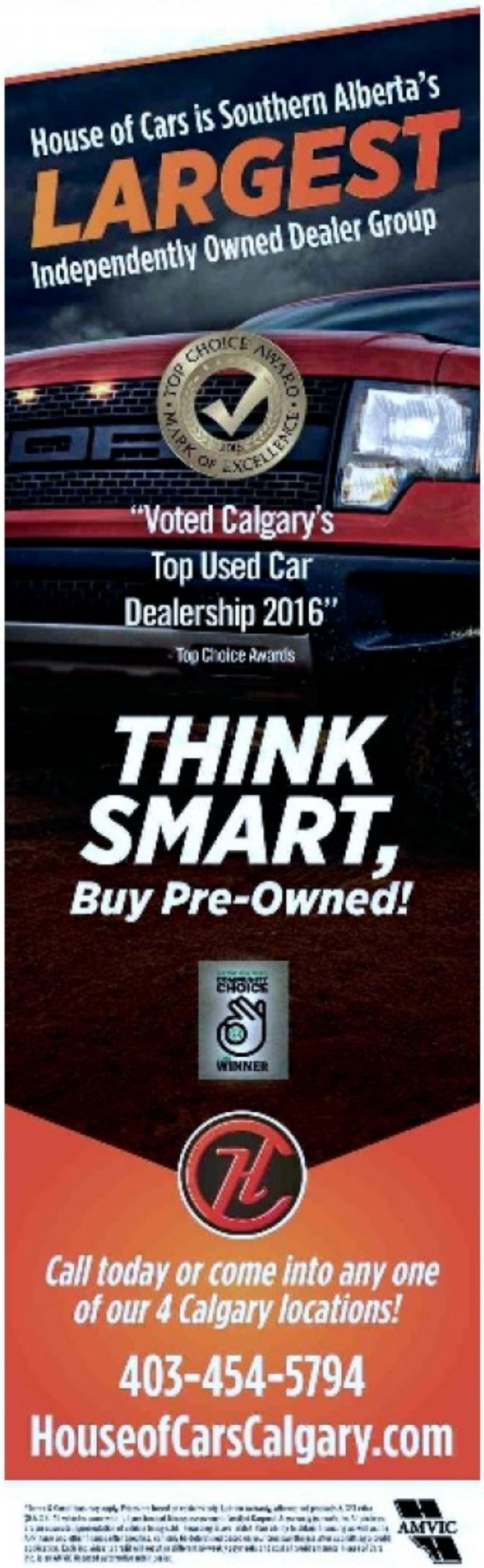
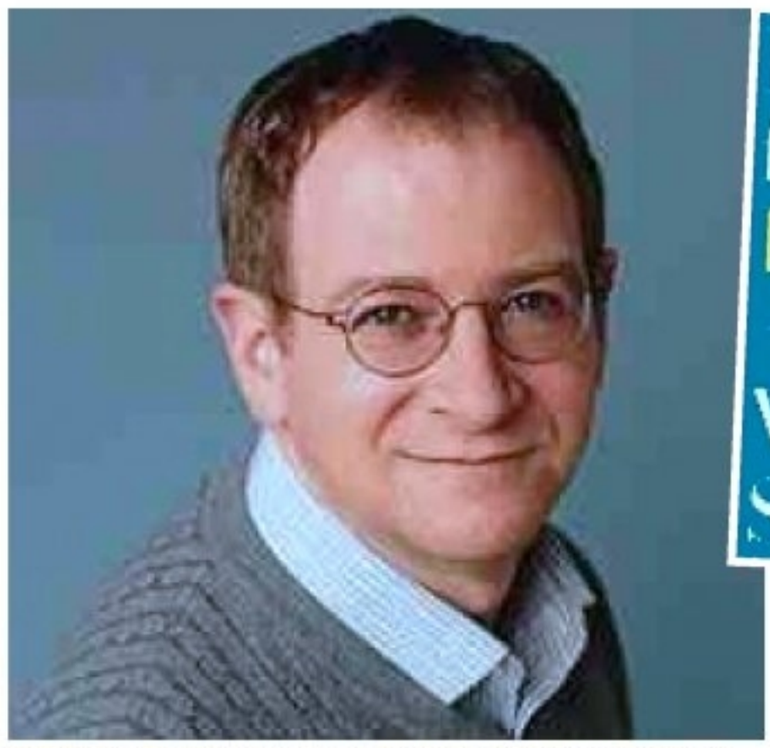


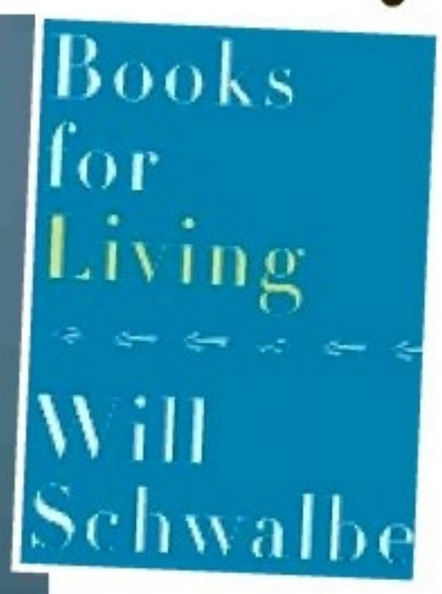
The books that you leave behind tell their own story

INTERVIEW

How an avid reader left a life portrait on his shelves

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada





Will Schwalbe's latest release Books for Living makes for an eclectic and unexpected reading list. CONTRIBUTED

Will Schwalbe had an old friend, who like himself, was a voracious collector of books, amassing thousands of volumes. Around the age of 70, this friend made a decision to keep exactly 100 titles in his possession — if he bought a new book, he would give away or donate another one off his shelves.

When he died a decade later, he left a quirky collection, one that Schwalbe describes as a remarkable portrait of a man who enjoyed travel, photography and martini culture.

"I love that idea that you can compose your autobiography not in words or sentences but in the books you chose to keep around and leave behind," says Schwalbe.

It is also fair to say that as a longtime New York publishing executive, Schwalbe, who is speaking at Toronto's Bluma Appel Salon on January 10, has built his own life story with words on pages.

As his mother was going through chemotherapy sessions, the two avid readers would share books to pass the time. Their discussions became the basis of his 2012 best-selling memoir The End of Your Life Book Club.

Schwalbe's new title, Books for Living, chronicles 26 titles that have a personal meaning or connection to various times in his life. Written in an informally chatty style, Schwalbe didn't intend to produce a definite list of the greatest books ever published, or even a collection of his favourite reads.

"These are 26 wonderful books that came to me at a time when I needed them and I think have something that will move, delight, instruct others," he says. "I hope at the end of this, I will have added to everyone's to-read pile, but also to look differently at the ways that books have impacted their lives."

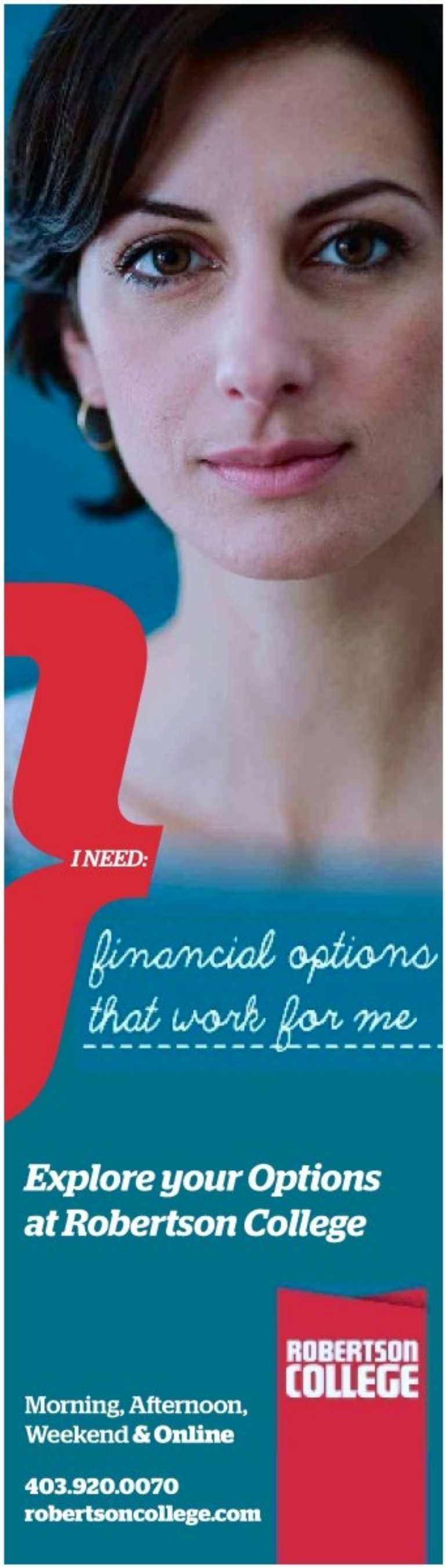
The list is as eclectic and unexpected as the stories behind them. Reading Homer's The Odyssey under the tutelage of a demanding classics teacher showed Schwalbe that sometimes being mediocre is okay, and should even be embraced. Stuart Little, E.B. White's beloved children's book about a nattily attired boy-mouse, is a reminder to be as cheerful and optimistic as possible (and to "dress smartly.") Even Paula Hawkins' blockbuster thriller The Girl on the Train taught Schwalbe lessons about trust.

"I think there are wonderful things to be had from all sorts of different books," he says. "Some of the greatest experiences I've had have been with what people refer to as genre books. Pieces of wisdom from Jack Reacher novels have been as meaningful as gems I've found in the world's great poetry."

Like The End of Your Life Book Club, Books for Living also serves as a tribute to Schwalbe's loved ones, in particular his essay on Charles Dickens' David Copperfield, which he transforms into an emotional tribute to an old friend who died suddenly.

"One of the themes that I love grappling with and has been very important to me is what can we do for the dead," Schwalbe says. "We can read for them. We can read books that they loved, and books we think they would have loved. That's really a way of keeping them present in our lives."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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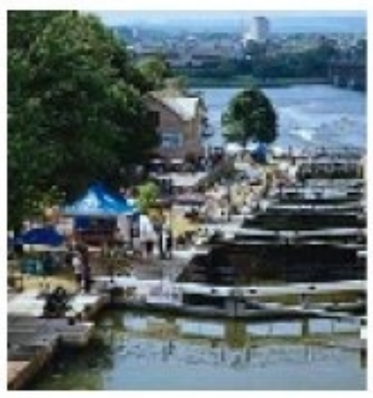
Your essential daily news

Disney's Tower of Terror took its final plunge Monday. It is getting a Marvel makeover.

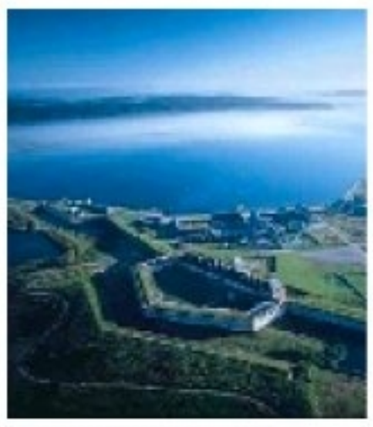
5 PARKS TO VISIT FOR CANADA'S 150TH

Parks Canada is celebrating the country's 150th birthday by offering free admission to every national park, historic site and marine conservation area from coast to coast. To date more than 1.7 million people have gone online to request a Discovery Pass. The pass represents great value for those eager to explore our country. Here are options for every adventure: **LOREN CHRISTIE/FOR METRO**



1 Best value

In addition to free entry, Parks Canada is offering free lockage on any of its historic canals and waterways. A six-metre boat that would cost $700 for a season's pass now costs nothing, making this the summer to ply our waterways including the Rideau Canal, Ontario's only UNESCO World Heritage site.



2 Best historic site

The Fortress of Louisbourg on Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island is the largest historical re-creation in North America. Dozens of staff dressed as soldiers and townsfolk add the colour to the bricks and mortar of this reconstructed fort. The Discovery Pass will save a family approximately $40 on their entry fees.

THESE SPACES WON'T LAST

There are still fees and capacity restrictions applied to specialty programs and overnight accommodations, including campsites.

The reservations line for the west coast has just opened up with the rest of the country following. Visitors who want to pre-register for specialty programs can contact sites directly in the spring. There's normally no issue, but with the sesquicentennial, record numbers are predicted.

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3 Best for exploring

Ontario's Pukaskwa National Park offers almost 100 km of trails to help visitors explore its protected ecosystem, which includes a boreal forest and a vast stretch of shoreline along Lake Superior. My father-in-law, who has camped his whole life, lists the views and sunsets from Pukaskwa as the best in the county.

4 Best to avoid the crowds

Banff and Jasper are the most popular national parks in the West. To avoid crowds consider visiting some of the other majestic Western parks, like Revelstoke or Waterton Lakes National Park, an international peace park shared with the United States. With an exceptional diversity of wildlife and a cozy little waterfront town to serve as a home base, Waterton makes a great alternative.

5 Best hidden gem

Quebec's Mingan Archipelago National Reserve Park lies on the far end of the highway on the north shore of the St Lawrence. It includes some thirty limestone islands, more than a 1000 granitic islets and reefs and an abundance of marine life including whales, dolphins and seals.

Family of lion dancers ready to roar

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Ings kick off Year of Rooster at Spring Festival Parade

After Jun Ing performed as a lion dancer for the first time in Vancouver's Chinese New Year parade in the 1980s, he remembers wishing it had lasted longer.

Ing was dazzled by the crowds that came out to watch the traditional art form, in which costumed performers mimic the movements of lions, as well as the "lucky money" in red envelopes he collected from merchants.

Now decades later, his 17-year-old son, Angus Ing, gets the same thrill from dancing through the streets of the city's vibrant Chinatown every year.

"Initially he was kind of reluctant," said Jun Ing with a chuckle. "But when he saw that a lot of people were interested in lion dancing and the crowds and whatnot, he got inspired by it."

The father is the chief co-ordinator of the annual parade, officially titled the Chinatown Spring Festival Parade, as well as the vice-president of the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver.

This year's parade, kicking off the Year of the Rooster, is set to take place Jan. 29. Featuring multicultural dance troupes, marching bands and martial arts performances, it has become a significant annual event in the city, drawing more than 100,000 spectators last year.

The event also boasts the largest assembly of traditional lion dance teams in Canada. The colourful performers are meant to ward off evil spirits, and they stop at stores along the parade route to retrieve envelopes of cash and bring the businesses good fortune.

Jun Ing said the Hoy Ping Benevolent Association of Canada lion dancer team has performed in the parade for about 10 years. It has become a family affair, with not only Angus Ing taking the reins as the head of one of the lions, but also his 19-year-old sister Alex Ing mastering the drums.

On a recent frigid weekday night, members of the team gathered in the Hoy Ping headquarters to practise. Angus Ing pulled a large ornate silver lion head over his own, while teammate Ricardo Ho crouched behind him, operating the tail.

Hoy Ping Athletic Group members, Angus Ing, front, 17, rolls across the floor as Nick Tim, top, 19, is hoisted by Amen Chan while practicing their lion dance routine for the Chinese New Year Parade, in Vancouver, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS/DARRYL DYCK

Using a lever inside the head to blink the eyes, Angus Ing began to embody the intimidating physicality of the animal. To the rhythm of an energetic drum beat, he and Ho confronted and play-fought with a pair of fellow dancers dressed as a glittering gold lion.

Angus Ing said it takes a lot of practice, athleticism and endurance to master lion dancing, but it's also a "lot of fun."

"You also get to spread the culture to the people that don't really understand it," he said. "It also woos them. They've never seen something like that, all the colours and the bright lights, and also the loud noises and the big kicks."

The performance involves impressive acrobatics too, with Ho, a larger-built man in his 30s, often hoisting his younger teammate high into the air.

In fact, Alex Ing, a University of British Columbia student with a keen sense of rhythm, said she decided to pick up the drumsticks in part because she was too afraid of heights to be a lion dancer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IF YOU GO

A map of the parade route and list of attractions are available on the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver's website: **cbavancouver.ca**

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Team Canada fires blanks in shootout

WORLD JUNIORS

Terry scores decisive goal to help Americans capture gold

The United States has won the 2017 world junior hockey championship.

Troy Terry scored the shootout winner as the U.S. beat Canada 5-4 at Montreal's Bell Centre on Thursday to capture the gold medal.

The game needed a shootout after a 20-minute overtime decided nothing.

GOLD-MEDAL GAME

Canada held a 2-0 lead after 20 minutes on goals from Thomas Chabot and Jeremy Lauzon.

Charlie McAvoy responded for the U.S. early in the second period and Kieffer Bellows made it a 2-2 game heading into the third.

Nicolas Roy regained the lead for Canada less than two minutes into the third and Mathieu Joseph made it 4-2 but, again, the Canadian squad blew the two-goal cushion.

Bellows scored his second of the night 39 seconds after Joseph and Colin White tied it with nearly 13 minutes to still play in the period.

Carter Hart was in net for Canada while Tyler Parsons started for the U.S.

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Team USA celebrates a goal scored by Kieffer Bellows in Montreal on Thursday night.
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BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Denis Guryanov scored in overtime as Russia defeated Sweden 2-1 on Thursday in the bronze-medal game.

- Kirill Kaprizov had the lone goal in regulation for Russia. Netminder Ilya Samsonov was brilliant, stopping 38 of 39 shots.
- Jonathan Dahlen had Sweden's lone goal.
- The Russians have now won a medal for seven consecutive years. Sweden has finished fourth in three straight tournaments.

NHL

Gelinas a beloved legend in Calgary

FLAMES UP CLOSE
Ryan Leslie

I greet Martin Gelinas on the team charter bound for Vancouver.

"Are you ready for your popularity to explode?" I joked.

A big grin preceded his response: "Is the podcast ready to go?!"

Being around the Flames assistant coach the last few years, I've had the chance to see just how respected Gelinas is throughout the National Hockey League. From his warm and welcoming personality, to his work ethic, to his hockey history. And what a history it is.

Most hockey fans will remember "Gelly" being a part of the most famous deal in the hockey history, a.k.a. the Gretzky trade. Flames fans will never forget how "The Eliminator" helped guide the Calgary club to the 2004 Stanley Cup final and, of course, now they see him in his coaching role or on the ice working his players into game shape.

Few can match his fitness levels or gracious nature. His history with this city, has him arguably as one of the most beloved athletes here of all time.

We sat down to discuss his travels throughout this game. From a young kid who didn't understand English, trying to find his way, to playing alongside one of the great leaders in all of sport — Mark Messier. Along with that came four Stanley Cup finals with four different teams — and, of course, hoisting Lord Stanley's mug over his head.

I chatted with Gelinas for almost a half hour. And we barely scratched the surface on a career and a life in hockey.

Can't wait for part two.

Ryan Leslie is host of Calgary Flames TV. His column appears every two weeks in Metro.

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Rodgers' faith buoys Pack

NFL PLAYOFFS

Green Bay won its last six games to get to postseason

Aaron Rodgers backed up his confidence-boosting "run-the-table" statement with a remarkable six-game run of quarterback play that helped get the Green Bay Packers in the playoffs.

In the locker-room, or on sideline conversations in practice, Rodgers' attitude didn't change. He remained steady, and believed in his teammates whether they were two games under .500 or NFC North champions.

Winners of six straight games, the Packers hope to keep their hot streak going Sunday when they meet the New York Giants in an NFC playoff game.

"The biggest compliment I could give him, he is coming in here every single week and been the same dude," centre Corey Linsley said Wednesday night after practice. "No matter when we were 4-3 or 4-6 or where we are now, he's never changed who he is. I think having that kind of consistency, with your leader is huge."

A strong arm and uncanny knack to extend plays helps a lot, too.

Rodgers has thrown 15 touchdown passes without an interception during the winning streak. In fact, Rodgers hasn't been picked off since Week 10 in a 47-25 loss at Tennessee.

Keep in mind that Rodgers was hurt during much of December, playing with either a sore hamstring or sore calf. Both injuries have subsided, as evidenced by how much Rodgers hurt Detroit last week outside the pocket in a 31-24 win to clinch the NFC North title.

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers scrambles away from Lions defensive tackle A'Shawn Robinson on Sunday in Detroit. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Packers are 7.5-point favourites for Sunday's game.

"Inside the pocket he can shred you, he can make all the throws," Giants linebacker Jonathan Casillas said. "To think that such a good passer, you would think they'd get him out of the pocket, damper him, or put some type of uneasiness about him — but no, he's very comfortable outside the pocket."

Rodgers was 23 of 45 for 259 yards, with two touchdowns and two interceptions in the teams' first meeting on Oct. 9, a 23-16 win for Green Bay at Lambeau Field. That was back when the Packers were still trying to find their groove on offence.

Those big-play Packers are back, having scored at least 30 points each of the last four weeks.

But the Giants have changed, too, especially on defence. Just look at how New York flustered the high-octane Washington Redskins in a 19-10 win on the road that eliminated their NFC East foes from playoff contention.

The Giants have the second-best defence in the league, allowing just 17.8 points per game.

"Well, they're playing very good run defence ... and they've got playmakers in their back end," coach Mike McCarthy said about the Giants' improvements since the teams met in Week 5. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILD-CARD SKED

SATURDAY
Raiders at Texans, 2:30 p.m.
Lions at Seahawks, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY
Dolphins at Steelers, 11 a.m.
Giants at Packers, 2:30 p.m.

LIONS-SEAHAWKS

Zenner not irked by colourful comments

Zach Zenner brushed off comments made by Seattle's Michael Bennett, who said the Detroit Lion was the best white running back in the NFL, insisting he wasn't bothered by the eyebrow-raising comments.

"Everyone's entitled to their opinion," Zenner said. "It sounded like he said some pretty nice stuff, so I'm appreciative of that."

A lot of people are saying nice stuff about Zenner these days, keeping his race out of the conversation. The undrafted, sophomore from South Dakota State has emerged as a No. 1 running back for the Lions going into the NFC wild-card game Saturday night in Seattle.

Zenner has set career highs the past two games with 110 yards of offence in a loss to Green Bay and 92 yards from scrimmage in a setback to Dallas. He had career highs with 20 carries for 69 yards rushing against the Packers after having 12 attempts for 67 yards against the Cowboys.

Zach Zenner GETTY IMAGES

"There's not many white running backs in the NFL, but he has to be the best right now," said Bennett, a standout defensive end for the Seahawks. "He's doing such a great job of cutbacks and hitting the hole."

Detroit running back Joique Bell, who also earned a spot in the league as an undrafted player, said he has talked to Zenner about Bennett's comments.

"He doesn't feed into that stuff," Bell said Thursday. "He just wants to play ball." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Dolphins turn to Moore with Tannehill ailing
Miami Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill has been ruled out of Sunday's playoff game at Pittsburgh, and backup Matt Moore will start for the fourth week in a row. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cowboys DE suspended
Dallas defensive end Randy Gregory was suspended for at least a year Thursday for another violation of the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

It's the third time this season Gregory has been suspended. The first was a four-game ban, followed by 10 games on top of that. The latest suspension makes him ineligible for the playoffs, which start Jan. 15 for Dallas, the top seed in the NFC. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Capitals celebrate Thursday in D.C. GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Caps emphatically end Jackets' streak

Columbus delivered a clunker in its try for a historic win.

The Blue Jackets lost 5-0 to the Washington Capitals on Thursday night, ending their winning streak at 16 games, one shy of the NHL record.

Columbus lost for the first time since Nov. 26, ending a captivating run for coach John Tortorella's team that fell short of the 1992-93 Pittsburgh Penguins' record of 17 consecutive wins.

The Capitals kept the Blue Jackets' league-leading power play off the board in five chances, and Daniel Winnik, John Carlson, Nate Schmidt, Andre Burakovsky and Justin Williams scored to chase goalie Sergei Bobrovsky. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Homan handed another loss in Saskatchewan
Casey Scheidegger upset Rachel Homan 10-4 in the early afternoon draw Thursday at the Canadian Open.

Scheidegger, from Lethbridge, Alta., pulled even with three points in the fourth end. She tacked on three more points in the fifth end for a lead she wouldn't relinquish.

Homan, a two-time national champion from Ottawa, has lost both games at the triple-knockout Grand Slam event. She will next face Russia's Anna Sidorova. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lowry lifts Raps over Jazz
Kyle Lowry scored 16 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter to lift the Toronto Raptors 101-93 over the Utah Jazz on Thursday.

DeMar DeRozan added 23 points for the Raptors (24-11), who never led until the game's final three-and-a-half minutes. Jonas Valanciunas finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Terrence Ross contributed 12 points.

Shelvin Mack had 17 points and Gordon Hayward added 16 for Utah (22-15). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Match-fixing resurfaces ahead of Australian Open
Match-fixing in tennis is back on the radar, less than two weeks before the Australian Open.

Victoria state police on Thursday charged an 18-year-old man following an investigation by detectives from the Sporting Integrity Intelligence Unit into allegations of match-fixing at a lower-tier tournament in Traralgon, 160 kilometres southeast of Melbourne, in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Walker opens 2017 with 8-under in Hawaii
PGA champion Jimmy Walker began the new year with an 8-under 65 to take the first-round lead Thursday in the SBS Tournament of Champions.

Walker lost a good opportunity to win at Kapalua two years when Patrick Reed rallied over the closing holes and beat him in a playoff.

Jim Herman got in one last round with his former employer — President-elect Donald Trump — before coming to Maui. He started strong and finished with five pars for a 67. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Lovely Roasted Vegetable Pizza

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Fragrant herbs, melted Fontina and roasted vegetables make this flat bread pie a vision of dinner loveliness.

Ready in 35 minutes
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 mini potatoes
- 1 small beet
- 1/2 yellow zucchini
- 1/3 red onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 or 2 stalks of fresh rosemary
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper
- flat bread or prepared pizza crust
- 1 1/2 cups grated Fontina cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Slice vegetables very thinly, particularly potatoes. Place them on a baking sheet. Drizzle with oil, season with rosemary leaves and salt and pepper. Give everything a toss and then spread them out evenly on the sheet.

2. Bake for about 15 minutes, until vegetables are tender. Remove from the oven.

3. Place flat bread or pizza crust on another baking sheet. Arrange cooked vegetables, including the rosemary, on top. Sprinkle cheese evenly across. Pop the whole thing back in the oven for 7 or 8 minutes, until the cheese is melted and beginning to brown.

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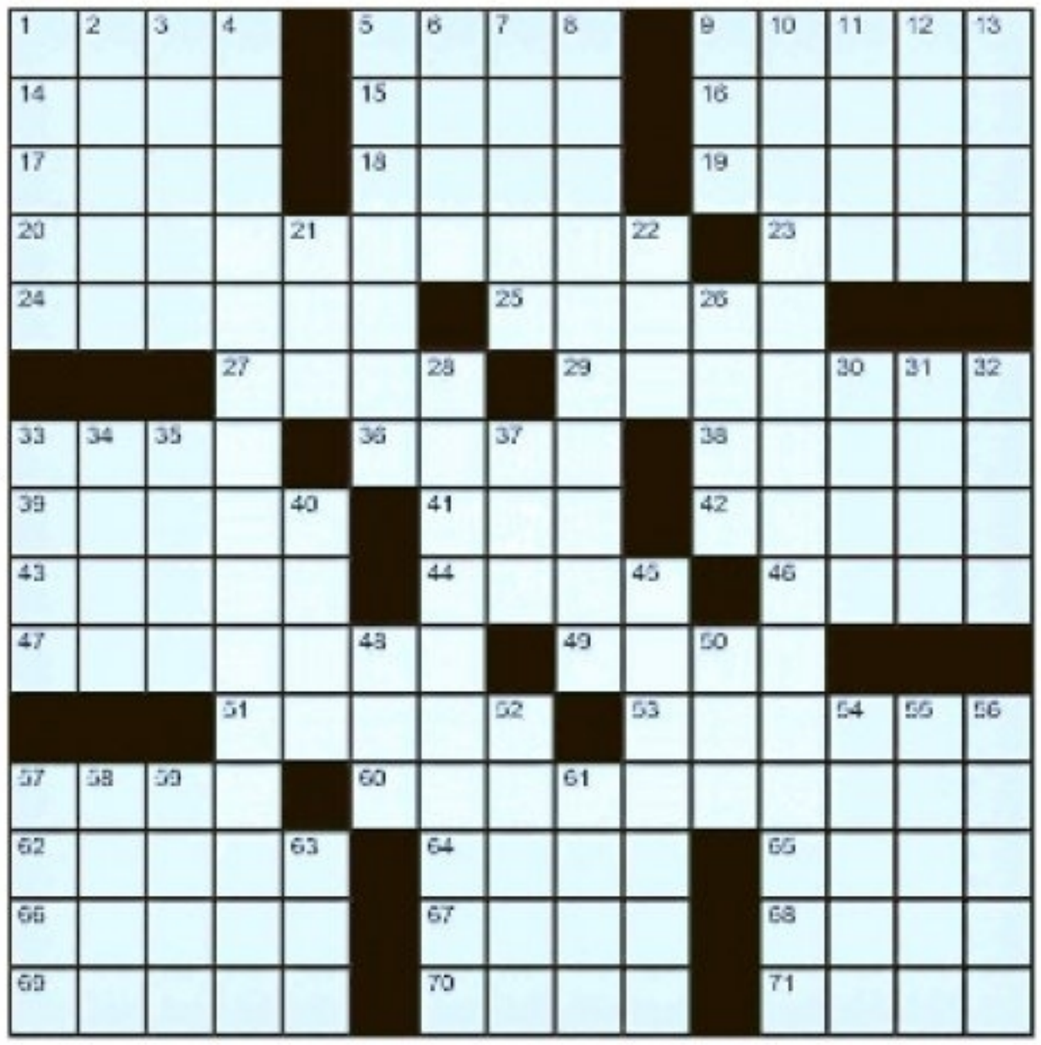

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5. Dr.'s scheduled time
9. James Cameron directed movie, "The __" (1989)
14. Cast-__ pan
15. "__ Window" (1954)
16. Hope
17. __-dong!
18. Scotch __
19. White wine of Italy
20. It is Nunavut's southernmost community
23. Staff on a plane
24. Feudal lords
25. Ghost's quarters
27. Ms. Gabor's
29. Justin Bieber album: '__ 2.0'
33. Paul Bunyan's blue ox
36. Brood of pheasants
38. Sia song
39. Once-__ (Quick inspections)
41. Not specialized [abbr.]
42. Seal
43. Illuminated the candle again
44. Actresses Ms. Naldi or Ms. Talbot
46. Traverse the seas
47. City in Spain
49. Cinch
51. Rankle
53. Canadian actress/soprano, Deanna __ (b.1921 - d.2013)
57. Territory
60. Quinoa, blueberries, sweet potatoes and seaweed ...to name just a few
62. Space denizen
64. Drove
65. Type of acid
66. Tropical bean tree
67. Hosp. heart recordings
68. Largest lake of Ethiopia which is the source of the Blue Nile River
69. Disagreeable sorts
70. Tal Bachman's "__ So High"
71. Dutch for 'city'

DOWN
1. "Say that thou __ forsake me..." - Shakespeare
2. Dickensian schemer Mr. Heep
3. Ms. Pescow of "Saturday Night Fever" (1977)
4. Achievement such as the CN Tower: 2 wds.
5. __ breads (Handmade loaves)
6. Ring loudly
7. __ New Guinea
8. Spa specialties
9. Li'l notices in newspapers
10. Alternatives to the Alfalfa ones: 2 wds.
11. 2017
12. Keep
13. Diving duck
21. Mr. Spacey, to pals
22. Shortened amount
26. "__ Here" by Beyonce
28. 'John Hancock', and others
30. Latvia's capital
31. Nero's 57
32. Computer company
33. Villainous group in the 'Star Trek' universe, The __
34. Solemnly affirm
35. Mr. Lugosi
37. Vox populi, vox __
40. Twinkler
45. Bond Girl, Ursula __
48. "__ Boot" (1981)
50. Canadian rocker, Melissa __ der Maur
52. Historical time
54. TV reporter from Kazakhstan in the movies
55. "Let It Go" singer Ms. Menzel
56. Visual arts univ. in Halifax
57. Breath mints, tic __
58. __ Bator, Mongolia
59. Puerto __
61. Knife part
63. Tel. book listings

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might join forces with a boss or someone in a position of authority to introduce reforms and improvements to where you work. Why not run it up the flagpole to see if anyone salutes?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Do not try to coerce others into agreeing with your politics or your religion today. Everyone is allowed to believe in what they want to believe in, including you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a poor day to discuss how to share or divide something, especially an inheritance. People are too passionate and too emotional.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Resist the urge to try to give a makeover to someone close to you. This person will not see your suggestions as improvements. Instead, he or she will hear them as criticisms.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Speak up with your ideas about how to improve your job or work environment. Someone might listen to you today. Who knows?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be patient with children today. Meanwhile, lovers will find that this is a passionate, memorable day! Oh yeah.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Family discussions will be intense today. You might want to deflect some of this energy into making repairs to the bathroom or anything to do with laundry, garbage and recycling.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your words are very persuasive today. That's why this is a strong day for those of you who sell, market and write.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be careful when shopping today, because you might become obsessed with needing to have something. This is not the right frame of mind for spending money.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Take a realistic look in the mirror today and ask yourself what you can do to improve your image. Why not look your best?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Research will reveal secrets today, almost certainly. Deciding what to do with these secrets is your challenge. The most important thing is kindness. Do not harm others.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A powerful friend might persuade you to change your goals today. Or perhaps you are the powerful friend persuading someone else. A healthy friendship allows for differences and respects them.

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